

JORDAN SHOCKED

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Low Cuts, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00
Boots, \$3.50 and \$4.00

TRADING DULL IN LOCAL LIST EARLY STOCK GAINS LOST WALL ST. NEWS FOR INVESTORS

WALL STREET, New York, April 23.—To wit, as the professionals had been selling for several days, in an "Harrison Street" market, and had been making the profit, the speculation is safeguarded by a policy in Lloyd's. To pound New York Central is especially hazardous. Those who indulge the propensity may not know that there is a very fair chance of the "New York Central" being the coming in of the "Harrison Street" train, and that the wish of the main management is to eliminate the several organizations managing the Big Front. The "Harrison Street" is the "Harrison Street" to eliminate them for greater efficiency in the stock exchange. This may be done in the near future.

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The volume of market may explain the

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The decision of the Atchison management to undertake new construction at a cost of \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000 supplied the market with a new type of security, feeling in railroad circles and another indication of the business improvement sure to follow the execution of deferred improvement and reconstruction plans of the railroads. There is not to be any more

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Pocque Hats

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The Pocque is large and soft, with a wide brim and a high crown. It is often worn with a veil and a decorative band. The illustration shows a woman's face and shoulders, wearing this style of hat.



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Boys' 6-30 Suits

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Casimere, worsteds
and full blue serges, in
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any other Boston store.
Double breasted, with
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size 12 to 17 years.

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Greatest value ever
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**NIAGARA ICE
JAM BROKEN**

YOUNGSTOWN, N. Y., April 23.—A breach has been made in the great ice jam which for ten days has held the lower Niagara in its grip and has caused damage estimated at a million dollars.

The immediate results of the dynamite explosions were disappointing to the 40 spectators on shore, but Engineer Knux and his men were not discouraged. A blast from 150 pounds sent a tiny rivulet trickling through the east side of the jam.

Mr. Knux expects the lakebound ice will widen the channel during the day and that there will be a broad avenue when the broken masses farther up can be set rolling out to sea.

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first in
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It is really a very becoming style. Paper, 1909

The *Tringoides*—large and with a black beak.



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NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE OPENS SEASON TO DAY

HARVARD HAS STRONG TEAM AT BIG MEET

All the big colleges in the country will compete in Pennsylvania's relay and mile races in Philadelphia tomorrow. Harvard, Yale and Princeton have sent teams from this section, while some other schools will compete in the track events. Harvard, the Virginia sprinter, being the king.

Pennsylvania is expected to win the relay race this year, since last year's Harvard was so much out of condition for the past several years, as decided by the Harvard Athletic Union.

Harvard's four mile relay team, which has had much success during the past year, will again try to retain the title, but will find a hard proposition. Princeton has also entered a team in this race. Dartmouth has placed a team in the mile and four mile races.

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KEENE'S HORSE IS BEATEN OUT AT SANDOWNE

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Mr. Fan Expects Anything and Goes Prepared—By Tad.



Standing of Teams in Two Big League Races

AMERICAN LEAGUE.		NATIONAL LEAGUE.	
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Philadelphia 1, Boston 0. New York 5, Washington 1. St. Louis 4, Cleveland 1 (1st inning).		YESTERDAY'S RESULTS. Philadelphia 1, Boston 0. New York 5, Washington 1. St. Louis 4, Cleveland 1 (1st inning).	
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NO HIT, NO RUN FOR HARVARD PITCHER
 CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., April 23.—Harvard's pitcher, the favorite in the bet, was beaten out by a horse named "The Victor".

LONG RACING SEASON FOR HOT SPRINGS
 HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 23.—There will be ten days of racing at Hot Springs each year if a bill to be offered in the Legislature today is passed. Following a series of conferences between the Legislature delegates and local business men, the bill authorized several weeks ago by Senator Waller has been amended.

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Will be placed in my open doorway where you can look and handle without solicitation, and if you see anything to suit your fancy call the salesman, and the price for

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LADIES' DAY AT RED SOX GAME THIS AFTERNOON

HOLY CROSS TEAM ILL FROM POISON

WORCESTER, April 23.—Practically all of the baseball team of Holy Cross College are suffering from ptomaine poisoning and it is doubtful if the team will be able to play with Fordham on Friday at Sat. City.

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The Regular \$2.50 Quality

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Department No. 1 Tailors' Uncalled-for Garments

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MIAM J. MURRAY'S White Bear

Billiard Palace

665 WASHINGTON STREET

Over Balby Theatre

JEFFRIES NOT ON THE LEVEL SAYS JOHNSON

That is what I mean that I will have a
"Zerfall \$5000 to the latter, but I will cheer-
fully give that sum in order to get Jellison
out of the country. I will not be satisfied
until I don't think this Jellison challenge
is on the level."

At the banquet, which was re-
ported long after midnight, Johnson made
the big by announcing that he would re-
turn to his home in the morning. He said
in other words, he would not pay \$500 to
a woman for pressing pants of his kind.
Johnson, who, he said, only has one pair
of pants.

It was in reference to a suit Jellison
wore by Alex C. Johnson, who was in
Philadelphia. Jack promised to
sell all his bills in reason for his brother's
trouble.

"Who that boy never had more than
one pair of pants in his life, and that
he had to show me where there was
any more."

KEYES READY FOR CORBETT

NEW YORK, April 22.—There will be pretty much to-night at the Fairmont Club when Bert Keyes and Young Corbett meet in a return match of ten rounds. Since the opening of the Fairmont Club, the two men have been the popular attraction and none is expected to-night to lack a following. Keyes is backed by a luncheon and Manager Gibson notified the members that both Keyes and Corbett finished their meals at the club and that the former weighed in at 128 pounds, at which weight he is expected to fight. Corbett, which is an indication that the ex-champion will be in the best of condition.

Keyes, under the watchful eye of Manager Jimmy Kelly, has been in the gym since at Cannon's for two weeks. His training has been very thorough and he has helped to get the kinks out of his legs. Corbett, who will be in the gym the best he is to-night.

Harry Noy, who was second runner for Haverhill, was caught at Hingham.

At the same time, the following were missing on Sunday: Ed Wilkes, 2315, on better than usual form; and George W. 2314, who is not what he believes is, faster than his record.

The Palmer Driving Club have arranged a special race for the 2315's, to be run on the combination Fair. Their meeting on Monday has been postponed to Tuesday, and the race will be a 1000 yard race, with the spectators right up to the mark all along the track.

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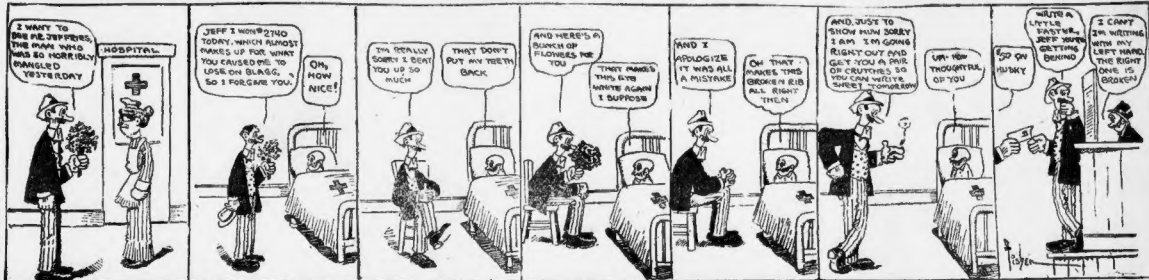
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Mutt Feels in a Forgiving Mood After the Bank Roll Swells \$2,740



Numerous inquiries, as you are now
are asking whether Jack Johnson has
never been knocked out, has made an
nuncio does not appear against John-
son's record. Johnson's record is plain
on Chicago that a husky black man
Rumskoke did the trick when he
was the first to knock out a fighting
champion.

There is what Jones has to say, and
as follows to have been the referee,
he ought to know.

"The record of Johnson, printed in re-
cent periodicals, is not correct to re-
spect certain fights. John Harman, a well-
known Chicago sportsman, is a young
boy under the name of 'Rumskoke,'
knocked Johnson out five years ago
and was charged with the accusation
of using a cane to knock Johnson out.
I was a referee upon that occasion
I counted Johnson out, and I ought to

and he retired in Philadelphia and
follow his line for several months.
The fighting force got a good look
at Johnson, and he was a knockout
man.

Ever since he has been going up
and down the country, he has been
as well as being the most liked and
most popular of all the fighters. He
has been in the ring for many years
but no decision in forty-four fights
has been made. He has been in the
ring for many years, and he has been
Paradise. He has been unable to
win a fight, and he has been unable
to win a fight with him again.

Johnson was knocked out by Al Attles
in a fight in Philadelphia. Johnson
was a very good fighter, and he was
when he earned the decision, but
he was a very good fighter, and he
was at the featherweight limit.
Johnson was a very good fighter,
and he was a very good fighter, and
was across without the aid of a
cane. Johnson was a very good fighter,
and he was a very good fighter, and
\$18,000. He is a vegetarian, and the
price of his fight was \$18,000.

Answers to Letters

John T. Jones, Chicago, Ill., writes
to tell me the correct age of

"At that time Johnson was not enough of a drawing card to elude such a move before the preliminary case. He protested vigorously, but the host in which he was knobbed out. But Johnson has taken care to have the record of this fact kept up for him. The record of the books it is put down as a draw, and in others it is omitted altogether."

He is a rare thing for a boxing instructor to become a star in the prize ring, for he is rare they are few and far between. He is a rare thing for a boxing instructor to become a star in the prize ring, for he is rare they are few and far between. He is a rare thing for a boxing instructor to become a star in the prize ring, for he is rare they are few and far between.

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Dear Mr. Sullivan: I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you will continue to be so. I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you will continue to be so. I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you will continue to be so.

Five feet 10 1/2 inches.
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The official distance is 25 miles.
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That Sam Langford, the colored Boston middleweight, and Stanley Ketchell, the champion of the class, will meet for the title at Los Angeles on July, during the week, is almost certain.

All that is needed is ratify the matter in the consent of Ketchell and he cannot refuse to fight the offer made by Manager McCarry of the Pacific A. C. since \$10,000 win, lose or draw for a ten-round no-decision bout.

Langford's manager, Joe Woodman, was at the BOSTON AMERICAN office to-day when McCarry's offer came over the lines, and wire.

Langford will certainly fight Ketchell.

ell in Los Angeles. We go to England the first of next month but Sam will meet him if it takes him all the time of travel till the day of the fight to get to the battle ground. After we fill our contracts abroad it will be late in June, but if Langford can manage to get to the Coast the same day the match is scheduled he will meet him in the ring.

It's all up to Ketchell now and the size of the offer is the biggest thing that he has had shoved up to him lately. The public will demand that he

meet Langford before considering him as a candidate to box Johnson in October and this fight will settle what right he has to go against the colored heavyweight champion.

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I will take you out of the ready-made class and make your clothes to order for \$12, and make them well for less than it costs you to buy store clothes.

Spring and Summer Suits **\$12**

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And I am doing the business of this town. Why? I do just as I advertise to do and give complete satisfaction or I don't take your money.

MURPHY THE TAILOR

MURPHY THE TAILOR 327 Washington St.

Opp. Mill St.	Open Nights
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P. S.—This name is not copyrighted, but has a better claim to your consideration. It is mine, was father's, his father's, and so on for generations abroad, and these, "MURPHY" signs denote in the family.

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After the first two months of the season, the show has been a success, and the cast has been praised for its performance.

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The Taxing Power
—Very Valuable

Ask Mr. Littauer, or the Stocking Manufacturers
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We have printed details about the scheme to increase heavily the tariff tax on THE CHEAPEST KIND of stockings worn by the poorer people. The scheme was devised to help out certain "infant industries" in the stocking line that are already able to pay 50 and 60 per cent. annual dividends.

Have you heard about the scheme for the increased tax on gloves? That has been engineered up to now by Mr. Lucius Littauer, a very ingenious, able gentleman and a big glove manufacturer.

The proposition is to give Mr. Littauer and a few others a chance to make some more money by enabling them to manufacture all the women's gloves used in the United States, and to increase prices, of course.

The new tariff bill, as drawn up BY MR. LITTAUER, would put a tax of 110 per cent. on the cheapest gloves. These are already taxed 48 per cent. under the Dingley tariff. This Payne-Littauer bill would put a tax of 68 per cent. on the expensive gloves.

Observe what automatic smoothness all these tariff gentlemen work to put the taxes on the CHEAPEST articles—those worn by the people least able to stand the cost of government.

A little while ago you might have seen Mr. Littauer distributing Sherman buttons. As he handed them out, he said, "Put this in your buttonhole; he's the next Vice-President here." Sherman is THE VICE-PRESIDENT! He and Littauer are good friends.

It may interest Mr. Taft to know that his running mate, Sherman, was absolutely pledged against the tariff reform that Mr. Taft advocated. He was not a tariff reform man, but a glove tariff man.

It is convenient for Mr. Littauer to have as presiding officer in the Senate, where tariff bills are handled, THE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE BUTTONS HE DISTRIBUTED.

In 1897, when the tariff now in existence was invented, Littauer was in charge of the glove department, and he had the tax on men's gloves raised to four dollars a dozen. This enabled Mr. Littauer to build up his enormous business. He and a few others manufacture 80 per cent. of all the men's gloves used in the United States.

Mr. Littauer proposes to do the same thing with women's gloves, and if the women and the men that have to pay the piper remain quiet and submissive, he will do it.

The object of this tax on gloves is to enable Mr. Littauer and two or three friends to make all the gloves that the women wear, and incidentally, TO MAKE THE WOMEN PAY TWENTY-FIVE OR THIRTY CENTS A PAIR MORE, AT LEAST, THAN THEY PAY AT PRESENT.

This would mean additional accumulated millions for Mr. Littauer, great comfort for him, undoubtedly. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE WOMEN THAT WILL PAY THE BILLS?

The excuse for this tariff tinkering is a double excuse. They talk about increasing revenue for the government. THEY MIGHT DO THAT WITHOUT ADDING TO THE COST OF CHEAP STOCKINGS AND CHEAP GLOVES.

There ought to be somebody in the United States able to help pay government expenses without putting the whole load on the woman and her shopping.

The favorite excuse of these tariff gentlemen is "help the poor American workman."

But does anybody imagine that Mr. Littauer is going to raise the wages of his workmen when he gets the tariff increased? Go down to Gloversville, where the millions of pairs of gloves are made, and you will learn from the workmen that they can't even get the wages that have been promised them.

It is a comfortable life to have influence in America. Ask Mr. Littauer how he got a man from his own office made examiner in the New York custom house, and expert on gloves. It helps a good deal if you are in the glove business and your own man represents the government at the door of the nation, keeping out competition.

Labor should be protected against pauper competition, of course. Legitimate business enterprise and energy should be WELL rewarded. But it is important also to protect the mass of the people AGAINST ABSOLUTE MONOPOLY.

If you let Mr. Littauer and the stocking manufacturers build up a tariff wall, shutting out ALL FOREIGN COMPETITION, you put the people entirely at the mercy of manufacturers at home. You stimulate the trusts, which are children of the tariff. You not only do not help workmen, but you put the workers at the mercy of the employers when the employers have A MONOPOLY.

It is a bad sign in a republic when the load is put on the backs of the poorer people. At Washington you are in the Senate men, worth tens of millions of dollars at the suggestion of an income tax, but delighted to make cheap stockings, and tea, and cheap gloves, and little, cheap people, pay for the cost of government while building up an absolute monopoly here.

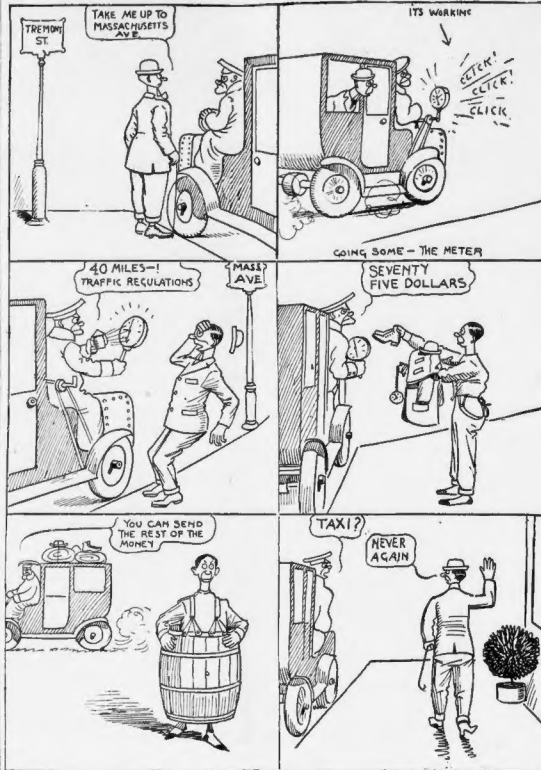
Women should have votes to protest against this kind of injustice. Men of small means are, of course, in a vast majority in this country. Give the vote to their wives and their daughters, and the vote against such exploitation of the poorer people would be overwhelming.

The women pay the bills, they feel the tariff on goods from abroad, and they feel the heavy tax that the trusts, protected to the point of monopoly, put on goods manufactured at home.

LET THEM VOTE TO FREE THEMSELVES.

Never Again! By T. E. Powers

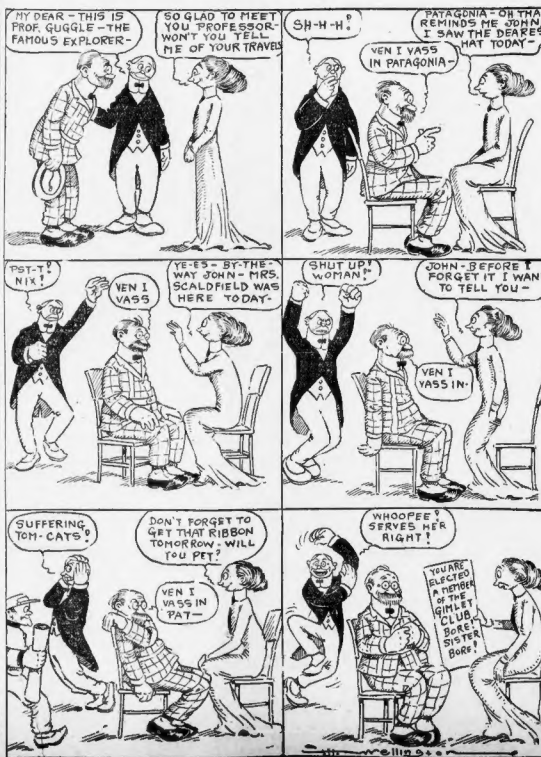
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The Gimlet Club

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The Women Are Just as Eligible as the Men



Let THE PEOPLE Decide
These Most Important Questions

Members of the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a few words with you on the question of the Referendum on the bill to amend the Charter of the City of Boston.

Your Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, it is understood, will submit to you in a few days the result of its deliberations on the charter question in the form of an act.

The people of Boston are alive to the importance of the questions involved in charter revision. They have been studying municipal conditions and considering the feasibility of changes that have been proposed for the improvement of them.

They ask you gentlemen of the General Court to deal fairly with them and to give them a chance to express their wishes on the vital propositions that have been proposed in the charter drafts submitted by the Finance Commission and in the various other features that have been recommended to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs.

It is rumored in State House circles that a majority of the committee are not disposed to "risk too much on the referendum." It is against your approval of such an attitude that this newspaper wishes to warn you and call your attention to the fact that the Merchants' Association of the City of Boston, representing the business interests of the city, has emphatically declared in favor of a referendum.

We submit to you that arguments opposing the referendum do nothing more than question the intelligence of the voters to determine for themselves the meaning and importance of executive and legislative measures. You will be told that it will not do to overload the ballot with numerous questions. You will be told that it will confuse the voter to submit many questions to him.

THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON WILL NOT BE SATISFIED to have you pass the city charter bill, and attach to it merely the alternative proposition:

"Shall Chapter — of the acts of the year 1909 entitled, 'An act to amend the Charter of the City of Boston,' be accepted?"

Within the scope of that question are hidden many features of municipal government that the people of Boston are eminently qualified to pass judgment upon, and are entitled to the opportunity to do so.

Charter revision calls for a great deal of study. Therefore, the ballot which decides charter questions should be in a form requiring a great deal of study. Charter revision, as it affects the interests of Boston, is not one to be flippantly dismissed with an answer to one kind question. It is a BIG PROPOSITION THAT CALLS FOR A BIG BALLOT. It will have a long-time effect on municipal government. Therefore, it should receive serious consideration from the voter when he meets it in the place of last resort—the booth of the polling-room.

If the people are capable of deciding whether a new charter shall be accepted in its entirety or not, THEY ARE EQUALLY CAPABLE OF DECIDING WHETHER THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THAT CHARTER SHALL BE ACCEPTED OR NOT. The theory that the submission of many questions will confuse the mind of the voter and the statement that "an overloaded ballot is undesirable" are the weakest sort of balldash.

Here are some of the more important questions that might be submitted to referendum and properly considered by the voters:

- Shall the Mayor of Boston be elected for a four-year term, with the power of recall in two years by the people?
- Shall the Mayor of Boston be elected for a two-year term?
- Shall candidates for Mayor be nominated by petition?
- Shall candidates for Mayor be nominated in convention?
- Shall primary elections be abolished?
- Shall the Mayor be given the initiative and absolute veto for loans and appropriations?
- Shall the heads of departments be certified by the Civil Service Commission?
- Shall a permanent Finance Commission be established by the City of Boston?
- Shall the street commissioner be appointed by the Mayor, instead of being elected by the people?
- Shall the office of Deputy Mayor be created?
- Shall party designations be abolished in municipal elections?
- Shall the Common Council be abolished?
- Shall there be a single legislative body of nine, fifteen or twenty-five members?

We insist that the PEOPLE ARE SUFFICIENTLY WELL INFORMED AT THE PRESENT TIME to deal intelligently and fairly with every one of the above questions. And we urge this fact upon you, members of the General Court, that if refused the opportunity to pass upon them this time, THEY WILL CONTINUE PETITIONING THE GENERAL COURT until, finally, they have expressed their opinions on these important matters.

Talk about confusing the issues! We respectfully call to the attention of the law-makers on Beacon Hill that it is proposed to have the people of Boston vote on the charter question at the next State election if, indeed, they are given an opportunity to vote upon it at all. WHY AT THE STATE ELECTION? Is not this entirely a MUNICIPAL proposition? Why should it be made a part of the issues of the State campaign? Why should the minds of the Boston voters be turned from State issues to consider municipal features?

The administration of Governor Draper and the Republican Legislature will be on trial at the State election, and why interfere with that trial by injecting the Boston charter question? In the State campaign it is need and fitting that the people should give their time and attention to the stewardship of the Republican State administration. It is absolutely out of place to distract their attention by making the proposed Boston city charter questions paramount issues in Suffolk County.

In its discussion of the nominating system, the Finance Commission has this to say:

"The questions affecting the proper administration of the city government are so far removed from political questions in the true sense, and particularly from the questions upon which the people divide in State and national elections, as to render it desirable to divide municipal elections from party politics, State or national."

Now in the name of common sense we do divorce the charter questions from political and party considerations if they are to be tried out in the State campaign and when appeals to partisanship are so emphatic and party discipline most rigid?

There are two points then for the Legislature to consider seriously when it is dealing with the charter question—

First—THAT THE PEOPLE ARE ENTIRELY CAPABLE OF DECIDING for themselves the big questions of charter revision.

Second—THAT THE TIME for the discussion and determination of municipal problems is in A MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION.

The Forgiving Wife

By Winifred Black

I KNOW a woman who has lost her composure with you. I am sorry for you. I want you to know that I am not your wife. I am the best friend, the most loyal, the most useful and the most devoted friend you have in the world. I will stand by you through this thing. I am not your wife. I am the best friend, the most loyal, the most useful and the most devoted friend you have in the world. I will stand by you through this thing.